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Gap Analysis of Group, Residential and Psychiatric Treatment in South Dakota

PROPOSALS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 26, 2021 BY 5:00PM CST

Written Responses to Offeror Questions

- 1. The Title of the RFP is “Gap Analysis of Group, Residential and Psychiatric Treatment” but does this involve the full Continuum of Care or is it limited to just those three areas? No outpatient or Intensive Outpatient Program components?**
 - a. Behavioral Health has published an RFP focusing on these areas. The review of findings from their RFP is to be completed as an element of these proposal activities when the Behavioral Health report is completed.
- 2. The RFP and the Division of Child Protection Services refers to “Youth”. Can you define the age limits as it pertains to this and is the analysis restricted to this age limit?**
 - a. Youth up to the age of 21 if in treatment prior to turning 18.
 - b. The population focused on is ten and older.
- 3. The timing of the project appears to be March through end of May (3 months) to the draft report and for the final draft to end of July (5 months) and for the entire project from March to end of August (6 months). Can you explain these milestones in terms of expectations, particularly the first one? Is this related to ‘special project constraints’?**
 - a. At this time the timeline of activities is as outlined, the offeror will outline project aspects following this timeline. If interested in submitting a second proposed timeline with project benchmarks, DSS is willing to review this as well.
- 4. Would DSS consider extending the project end date for completion of the analysis?**
 - a. At this time DSS would expect the project to be completed as outlined. If offeror is interested in submitting a second proposed timeline with project benchmarks, DSS is willing to review this as well.
- 5. What electronic, extractable data does DSS have available regarding the needs and/or assessments of children currently served in congregate care and community-based placements?**
 - a. DSS, Department of Corrections, and non-state custody placement information can be provided. CPS can provide placement information

regarding the number of children in each placement type and data regarding length of stays.

- 6. What electronic, extractable data does DSS have available?- regarding the various placement types referenced in the scope of work?**
 - a. Placement information would be available; number of children in each placement type and some data regarding length of time in those placements.
- 7. Does DSS maintain electronic, extractable data on the youth population (including demographics of age, gender, ethnicity, and home communities; behavior resulting in placement both in-state and out-of-state, GAF scores or ACE scores)?**
 - a. At this time DSS does not have extractable data regarding behaviors, ACE or GAF scores. Information on demographics is able to be shared.
 - b. Information can be provided from DSS, DOC, and non-state custody youth.
- 8. Does DSS maintain electronic, extractable data on youth and the placement type(s) for youth placed outside of the state of South Dakota?**
 - a. Information can be provided from DSS, DOC, and non-state custody youth.
- 9. Does DSS have a specific service array of community-based services for the vendor to review?**
 - a. Please see the DSS website, community mental health.
<https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/>
- 10. Would DSS accept a cost proposal which includes a fully-loaded, hourly rate structure for project staff? If so, could we utilize the Personnel, Contractual or Other tab only to detailed our rate structure for this proposal?**
 - a. This is acceptable.
- 11. Is there a budget set for this scope of work?**
 - a. No budget is yet established for this project.